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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS - CZECK OFFICIAL ASSESSES
ROLE OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

1. "POLITIKA" AUGUST 6 CARRIES "TANJUG" STORY DATED
PRAGUE, AUGUST 5, ON ARTICLE BY CZECK DEPUTY FOREIGN
MINISTER VEIVODA IN TRADE UNION PAPER "PRACE" ON ROLE OF
CERTAIN "PROGRESSIVE, SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" IN THE NON-
ALIGNED MOVEMENT. "TANJUG" REPORTS VEIVODA STATEMENT THAT
"PROGRESSIVE, SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, SUCH AS CUBA, VIET-NAM
AND THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF KOREA. . . HAVE AN
OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON THE
ORIENTATION OF THE MOVEMENT OF THE NON-ALIGNED AND TO
STRIVE AGAINST THE PENETRATION OF THEORIES WHICH ARE
HOSTILE TO ITS PROGRESSIVE INTERESTS." NOTING THAT THE
NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT CONSISTS OF COUNTRIES OF DIVERSE
SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ORIENTATION, VEIVODA REPORTEDLY
STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED THREE
"PROGRESSIVE" COUNTRIES AND ADDS THAT "AT THE CONFERENCE
IN COLOMBO THERE WILL BE MANY COUNTRIES, THE POLITICAL
VIEWS OF WHICH CANNOT BE JUDGED AS PROGRESSIVE".

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TANJUG FURTHER REPORTS VEIVODA'S ASSESSMENT THAT

"RECENTLY A PROCESS OF DIFFERENTIATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPING BETWEEN COUNTRIES WHICH CONSISTENTLY UPHOLD THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST LINE OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND THOSE WHICH, FOR VARIOUS REASONS, ARE ENDEAVORING TO CHANGE THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF ITS MAIN AIM."

2. APART FROM NOTING THAT YUGOSLAVIA IS NOT MENTIONED IN THE AUTHOR'S ENUMERATION OF SOCIALIST MEMBERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, ARTICLE IS WITHOUT COMMENT.

COMMENT: HOWEVER, BELGRADE TV FOREIGN AFFAIRS EDITOR IN CAUSTIC REFERENCE TO VEIVODA ARTICLE DURING AUGUST 5 EVENING PROGRAM NOTED THAT IT WAS A "STRANGE STATEMENT" COMING FROM THE CZECHS AT THIS TIME. AMID CURRENT PUBLIC COMMENTARY ON "PRESSURES" TO WHICH MEMBERS OF NON-ALIGNED ARE BEING SUBJECTED ON EVE OF COLOMBO, EMBASSY THINKS IT NOTEWORTHY THAT THE BLOC'S (USUALLY MORE SUBTLE) EFFORTS TO CO-OPT THE MOVEMENT SHOULD FIND EXPRESSION NOW IN AN ARTICLE WHICH CAN BE PORTRAYED AS INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOME OF MOVEMENT'S LESS VIRULENT "ANTI-IMPERIALIST" MEMBERS. IT UNDERSCORES OUR NEED TO WATCH CLOSELY THE MANNER IN WHICH COLOMBO ADDRESSES WESTERN VS. SOVIET BLOC "PRESSURES" AND POSTURE VIS-A-VIS NON-ALIGNED.

4. FOR PRAGUE: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON ACCURACY OF TANJUG'S BRIEF ANALYSIS OF VEIVODA PIECE AND WHETHER ORIGINAL ARTICLE CONTAINS ANY SALIENT POINTS ON ABOVE THEME OMITTED FROM TANJUG REPORT.
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